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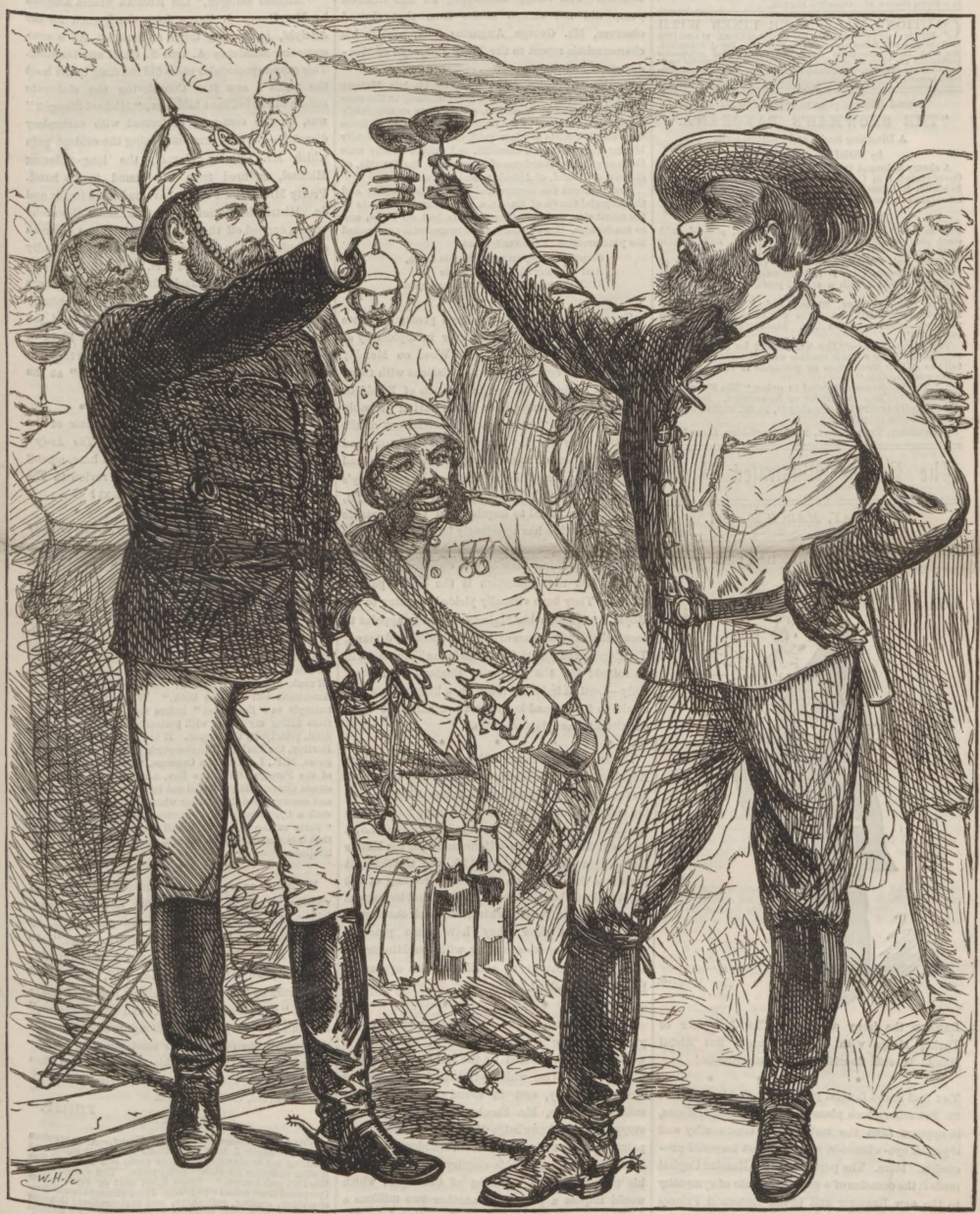

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

BEHOLD the irony of Fate! The Conqueror of Turkey sleeps with his ancestors; but Abdul Hamid II. still flourishes at Constantinople!

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THE first grand funeral pageant of the late Czar in St. Petersburg took place on Saturday last, and was, it appears from the testimony of trustworthy and impartial eye-witnesses, a magnificent Imperial procession. More. The populace of the Russian Capital made it the occasion of a genuine tribute of sympathy to the new Emperor and to the Romanoff Princes generally. Indeed, the graphic descriptions of the Imperial *cortège* from the Winter Palace to the Cathedral Fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, sent home by the Correspondents of the *Times*, *Daily News*, *Daily Telegraph*, and *Standard*, render it beyond question that the loyal respect of the people was as remarkable as the spectacle itself, with the glittering knight in golden armour, with the catafalque bearing the coffin under a canopy of cloth of gold, with Alexander III. and his brothers walking immediately after it, and with the resplendent array of Generals, Princes, and banners. The vanity underlying all this Oriental pomp did not escape notice from that shrewd observer, Mr. George Augustus Sala, who in his characteristic report to the *Daily Telegraph* of Monday remarked that:—

> The purely Russian orders worn by his late Majesty followed, and then came, dazzlingly glittering in the sunshine, the procession of crowns, all borne on appropriately embellished cushions by the dignitaries of the Court. Some were simple circlets of plain gold, others diadems, literally blazing with brilliants, emeralds, and rubies. There were the crowns of the kingdoms of Georgia, of the Taurida, of Siberia, of Poland, of Astrakan, and of Kazan.
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> Next followed the sceptre and orb of the Empire, and the Imperial Crown of Russia, a monticule of brilliants of the rarest sizes and purest water. He had all these, and so much more. Less mundane and more awful approached the proclamation of the verity, that
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> Sceptre and crown must tumble down,
> And in the earth be equal made
> With the poor crooked scythe and spade.

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Tuesday brought us a message presaging peace from Natal. Seemingly as clever in diplomacy as he is skilful in war, Sir Evelyn Wood on Monday had well-nigh concluded his negotiations with Commandant Joubert, the pacific counsels of President Brand, of the Orange Free State, having probably also contributed to the practical settlement of the question. By Tuesday evening, Mr. Gladstone had the satisfaction of announcing that the Boers had substantially accepted the terms of Her Majesty's Government. Calmly confident of her strength, England can afford to acquiesce in the reasonable arrangement that has apparently been come to. The Boers, having proved they can fight with an intrepidity equalling that of our own troops, tacitly own at last that discretion is the better part of valour. They have virtually yielded, trusting to the Royal Commission her Majesty offered to appoint to secure them the measure of independence they demand. The siege of the British Garrisons in the Transvaal will be raised; and the honour of England vindicated. Only—Lord Kimberley must be a little more wide-awake in future, and keep a more vigilant eye upon our Colonies and dependencies.

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The Irish Disarmament Bill on Monday received the Royal assent. Mr. Gladstone breathed more freely. To the House of Commons the Prime Minister gave the welcome intelligence that on April 4 he purposes to introduce his Budget, on April 7 the Irish Land Bill, and that, after the adjournment for the Easter Recess from April 8 to April 25, the Government hope that the debate on the second reading of the Land Bill will be commenced. I trust that loquacious Home Rulers will take the hint, drop their obstructive garrulity, and show they have some practical patriotism left by co-operating with the Ministry in an earnest endeavour to ameliorate the oppressive land laws of Ireland.

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Candahar again! The cool audacity of that glib young suckling statesman, Mr. E. Stanhope, is wonderful. Undeterred by the fact that the miserable Afghan War, which originated when he was Under-Secretary, cost in round numbers twenty millions sterling, Mr. Stanhope was neither to be stopped by the knowledge that this causeless campaign has just thrown a fresh burden upon the crushed taxpayers of this country, but persisted in his motion for the retention of Candahar, which would impose a penalty of another two millions a year upon us, and be a source of continual trouble rather than of strength to us! Happily, wiser counsels prevail at the India Office. In the teeth of the decision of the House of Lords, Lord Hartington resolutely declared on Monday that the British Troops do but hold this Afghan fortress till the Ameer of Cabul can occupy it. And, ere these lines are read, a vote of the Commons will probably have shown that the majority of the nation's representatives emphatically indorse the sagacious decision of the Government.

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"Michael Strogoff," the Russian drama adapted by Mr. Henry J. Byron from the French for the Adelphi, is drawing large audiences. As a consequence Messieurs A. and S. Gatti are beaming. This grand spectacular piece did not drag in the least the night I saw it. Considering the elaborate nature of the brilliant tableaux, "Michael Strogoff" was, on the contrary, performed with exemplary dispatch—the only drawback being the evident pain which Mr. Charles Warner, the long-suffering Michael, endured from the wound in his hand. Pretty Miss Gerard might have had more to say and do. Histrionically viewed, Mr. Fernandez, the arch-villain, carried off the palm by his bold and vigorous assumption of the part of Michael Strogoff's deadly foe. The tragic acting of Mrs. Hermann Vezin also strengthens the plot considerably. But the humours of the English and French Specials—rôles capitally sustained by Mr. Byron and Mr. Irish—and the realistic stage pictures by Beverley of the Field of Battle and the burning city, are the features that will make the fortune of "Michael Strogoff" at the Adelphi.

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Downy must be the pillow of the Editor of the latest successful novelty in journalism—*The Lady's Pictorial News*. A feather bed was, I hear, among the luxurious articles recently sent for review to *The Lady's Pictorial*. What next, and next?

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We shall all be reading *Punch* shortly, for its vivacity will be added to, when Mr. Sala returns from Russia, by a new serial romance from the pen of that fascinating writer. "A Party in the City" is the taking title of the story. Its nature is thus racily outlined by Mr. Sala:—

> The "Party in the City" will really have a place of business within a stone's throw of the Royal Exchange, and will do strange things there, productive of infinite trouble to himself and other people of both sexes, and in all ranks of society. Finally, the Story will be what the Americans call a "live book." With so illustrious an example as "Endymion" before me, I shall not shrink from filling my pages with portraits of people alive and dead, principally the former. If the Duke and Duchess of Dartrey, the Earl of Altingborough, Sir Burlington Bridlegoose, M.P., Lord Claude Cashless, the Hon. Percy Pupp, of the Foreign Office, the Rev. Almond Rock, and Monsignor Chaudroid (who will not be a bit like the excellent and accomplished Monsignor whose name, likewise, begins with a C), recognise their counterfeit presentments in a "Party in the City," they will eventually admit, I hope, that it is possible to be faithful to nature without being libellous.

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Welcome as spring blossoms will be the new volume of verse, "Sunbeams and Shadows," promised, according to the Birmingham *Owl*, by Mr. Edward Capern, the "Postman Poet," to whom Lord Palmerston granted an annuity. Another poet, Mr. Alsagar Hay Hill, has earned the thanks of busy men by issuing a poetical handy-book, "A Household Queen, and other Poems," brimfull of beauty and high thoughts and ideas that are worthy one of London's most practical philanthropists. Mr. Hill issues his shilling volume from his industrial home, the *Labour News* office, 15, Russell-street, Covent-garden.

PHILIP.

WHAT EVERYBODY WANTS TO KNOW.—A gentleman writes:—"Since I have used Eno's Fruit Salt night and morning my headaches, &c., have quite left me, and this is after suffering for above twenty years. You should make this fact well known." Eno's Fruit Salt or Fruit Saline (prepared from sound ripe fruit). It is a pleasant beverage—sparkling, cooling, refreshing, and invigorating; it keeps the blood pure and prevents bilious attacks by natural means. Sold by all Chemists. Price 2s. 9d. and 4s. 6d. Beware of unprincipled worthless imitations.—[ADVT.]

News in a Nutshell.

DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES FOR ST. PETERSBURG.

THE Prince and Princess of Wales left by the London, Chatham, and Dover line last Monday evening for Dover, on their way to St. Petersburg, where the Prince of Wales will represent the Queen at the funeral of the late Emperor of Russia, on Sunday next, the 27th inst. Among those present to see the Prince and Princess off were their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke of Cambridge, Princess Mary Adelaide (Duchess of Teck), the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, Earl Sydney, and several ladies and friends. Their Royal Highnesses arrived just before the time appointed for starting, 8·30, and, after bidding adieu to their friends, entered the special train, in the Prince and Princess of Wales's suite were Miss Knollys, Lady-in-Waiting on the Princess; Lord Suffield, Lord of the Bedchamber; Lieut.-General Sir Dighton Probyn, Controller and Treasurer; Colonel Teesdale and Lieut.-Colonel Clarke, Equerries to the Prince; and also Major-General Sir John Cowell, Master of the Queen's household. A special steamer, the Maid of Kent, was in readiness, by which the Prince and Princess and retinue left Dover at 10.25 for Calais, where another special train awaited their arrival in order to convey them, viâ Berlin, to the Russian frontier. The Prince and Princess are expected to return home by April 4.

The remains of the late Czar were removed on Saturday from the Winter Palace to the church attached to the Fortress of SS. Peter and Paul, as fully reported in our pictorial pages.

The Crown Prince of Denmark left Copenhagen on March 19 for St. Petersburg, to attend the funeral of the late Emperor Alexander.

The obsequies of the late Queen Dowager of Denmark, Caroline Amelia are fixed for the 29th inst.

The Duke of Teck left Kensington Palace on Saturday for Rumpenheim to attend the funeral of the late Princess Louise of Hesse-Cassel.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Gladstone left town on Saturday for The Durdans, Epsom, where they remained with the Earl and Countess of Rosebery till Monday morning.

The Earl and Countess Granville arrived at Windsor Castle on Saturday on a visit to her Majesty.

In the House of Lords last Monday evening Royal Assent was given by Commission to the Arms Bill. Lord Enfield made a statement respecting the cost of the Afghan war, showing that the estimated expenditure to May 31 next was £19,574,000. His Lordship made a further explanation relating to Candahar. From this it appeared that the Cabul troops will reach Candahar early in April, and that all arrangements for the withdrawal are completed. Measures have been taken at Candahar in preparation for the withdrawal of the British troops, and several leading Sirdars have written to the Ameer tendering their allegiance.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Gladstone having foreshadowed the course of public business, the Marquis of Hartington made a statement relating to the withdrawal from Candahar, similar to that of Viscount Enfield in the Lords. On the motion to go into Committee of Supply, Mr. O'Donnell called attention to an alleged misunderstanding on the part of the Chairman of Committees, which had resulted in the temporary suspension of the member for Dungarvan from the service of the House. The motion was, however, withdrawn on the understanding that it shall receive further consideration. The supplementary votes for the Transvaal war (£446,000) were afterwards taken, as well as some votes on the Civil Service Estimates.

Mr. Gladstone on Monday disposed of many "authentic" reports by stating that Mr. Bradlaugh had not applied for the Chiltern Hundreds.

Peace with the Boers! The *Standard* Special "wired" on Tuesday:—

PROSPECT HILL, Tuesday, 3.53 a.m.

An armistice of forty-eight hours to permit the conclusion of the negotiations for peace is now practically concluded. The terms are already detailed. All arms, ammunition, and property taken on both sides during the hostilities are to be restored.

The independence of the Transvaal is granted, subject to conditions hereafter to be settled by the Royal Commission.

The Boer Government commences its rule after the conclusion of the Commission.

Meanwhile our garrisons will remain in the Transvaal, without interfering in any way with the affairs of the country.

The Boer forces will disperse at once.

The murderer of Captain Elliot to be delivered to justice.

Three hundred artillerymen left Woolwich at seven o'clock on Tuesday morning and proceeded to the Albert Docks for the purpose of embarking in the hired steam-transport Holland, en route for Natal. They were escorted from the barracks by the Royal Artillery band.

The heavy rains of last week caused much illness among the Boers and great losses from horse sickness.

The Sultan really seems inclined to discuss the cession of Crete; but public opinion in Greece protests against the acceptance of the island, if Thessaly and Epirus are to be left to their fate. Information from Crete presents a gloomy picture of the anarchy prevailing there.

The adventurous special correspondent of the *Daily News* in Turkestan (Mr. O'Donovan) has sent a very interesting piece of information from Merv. Writing on March 12, he says that he had just been set at liberty after detention for ten days. His topographical information is brief, but of considerable value. The plain between Tjend and Merv is, he says, entirely destitute of water and impracticable for an army. The Russian are "close to Tjend," but the correspondent believes that they will make no attempt against Merv this year "if at all."

General Milon, the Italian War Minister, who resigned office only last week, died on Monday.

Mr. Crowe, British Consul-General at Havana, was attacked on Friday se'nnight by three highwaymen, in one of the public parks of that place. He defended himself vigorously, and succeeded in beating off his assailants. Mr. Crowe was only slightly wounded in the back of the neck.

According to news received from Shanghai to Feb. 19, by way of San Francisco, Prince Li has advised the construction of a railway between Tien-Kin and Pekin, in order to facilitate the rapid transport of troops. Another line is projected between Tien-Kin and Shanghai, and it is also proposed to establish telegraphic communication between Pekin and Shanghai. Important negotiations are stated to be pending between China and Japan.

Mr. Dillon, M.P., in a speech which he made in county Galway on Sunday, declared that the man who took a farm from which an honest man had been evicted would be pointed to as a traitor, and his children after him would be cursed by his neighbours. "Let the Government," said Mr. Dillon, prosecute me for it if they choose to, and arrest me."

A Land League meeting which was held on Monday at Enniskillen, and addressed by Mr. Sexton, M.P., and Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., adopted a memorial to the Queen praying for land reform, and the proceedings closed with three cheers for her Majesty.

It is not at all to be wondered at that Mr. Joseph Cowen's action in Parliament should have given great dissatisfaction to his Liberal constituents. At a meeting of the General Committee of the Newcastle Liberal Association, on Friday week, a resolution was carried expressing regret that Mr. Cowen had not seen his way to support the Government in their Irish policy, but had maintained an attitude of opposition towards them. The meeting subsequently passed a vote of confidence in Mr. Ashton Dilke.

It was decided on Saturday evening at a meeting of London Radicals to form a new organisation, to be called "The Democratic Confederation," which is to advocate the following principles:—Adult suffrage, triennial Parliaments, equal electoral districts, payment of members of Parliament, the nationalisation of the land, the abolition of the House of Lords, bribery at elections being declared felony, and legislative independence for Ireland. Mr. Butler-Johnstone, who was one of the speakers, said he believed serious times were coming, in which they might all be united on great questions.

Snow fell in London again on Monday and Tuesday; and Scotland experienced a severe snowstorm. Hill farmers do not remember such a winter. In several cases sheep were driven miles before the storm, and shepherds despair of finding many alive. Of those which were drifted long distances away some have been suffocated, others drowned, and others killed by falling over precipices. A flock of 150 perished at Corryna farm, near the head of Loch Naver.

THE SEAL FISHERY.—The steamer Leopard, of Greenock, has arrived at St. John's, Newfoundland, from the sealfishing, with a cargo of 15,000 seals. Seals are plentiful.

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A THAMES MYSTERY.—About half-past eight last Monday morning the body of a gentleman of middle age was discovered on the foreshore of the River Thames, at Wapping, off the Town of Ramsgate Tavern. He was well-dressed, and a considerable sum of money was in his pocket. His linen was marked with the name of Henderson, and letters found on him showed that he belonged to Montrose. The body was taken to the mortuary.

ACCIDENT TO THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT.—While the Duchess of Connaught was returning to Bagshot Park last Saturday afternoon in a carriage drawn by a pair of Russian ponies, the Duchess herself driving, one of the ponies took fright and ran off. In running through the village of Bagshot the carriage came in contact with a baker's cart standing on the roadside. The cart was completely smashed, and the Duchess and the lady who accompanied her were thrown out on the road. Fortunately, her Royal Highness escaped unhurt, and was able to walk to Bagshot Park immediately afterwards.

PRINCESS DOLGOROUKA.

The correspondent of the *France* at St. Petersburg writes that

PRINCESS JURIEVSKA,

as she has been styled since her morganatic marriage, was with her sister, the Princess Metcherski, at the moment of the assassination. She drove rapidly to the Winter Palace in a sledge, and remained in the Czar's chamber until his eldest son entered the room, when she immediately withdrew. The correspondent adds that his union with the Princess Dolgorouka explains the calmness—not coldness or indifference, or, to use a Russian expression, the "nitchevo"—with which the great mass of the people received the intelligence of the Czar's death. The new Emperor, on the other hand, has been welcomed with the utmost enthusiasm. The writer states that Alexander III. has had an interview with the Princess Jurievska, whose children will be provided for, while she will be allowed to remain in Russia. It is even affirmed that the Emperor generously intends to announce her marriage with his late father as a last and supreme token of respect for his memory.

THE BRIGHTON REVIEW.

The important feature of the march down to Brighton of a body of Volunteer troops on Good Friday and the following Saturday, estimated at from 7000 to 8000, promises to be invested with unusual interest next month. It has been decided that nearly all the metropolitan regiments will have detachments on the road, among those contributing the largest numbers being the Artists' Rifles. On Saturday about 5000 of the metropolitan Volunteers were engaged in battalion and skirmishing drill in the parks, at Wimbledon, and other open spaces round London.

THE OLD CUMBERLAND FARMER.

[The *Agricultural Gazette* publishes the following note and verses on the late William Green:—"The hard winter has borne away many an old inhabitant, among them Mr. William Green, at the advanced age of eighty years, surviving his wife but three months. He formerly lived at Mosser, and more recently at the Howe, Keswick. He was one of the 'old standard' of Cumberland farmers, and although he had retired from the pursuit of farming on his own account, his superior judgment on matters connected with land and stock was much valued and sought after, and always cheerfully given. The following ballad, written in February, 1870, has been sung at many a Keswick festive gathering."]

The Cumberland grey-coats are fadin' away,
And our auld kindly customs are gaun to decay;
But still in our dales bonny lasses are seen,
And we still have stout yeomen like auld Willie Green.

Willie Green, o' the Howe, is the wale o' auld men;
He's lish and he's crouse, though he's threescore and ten;
Frae kirk, and fra market there's nane like him ride,
Wi' his sonsie and comely auld wife by his side.

Like a castle he sits on his dun powney's back,
And tells ye queer tyels till your side's fit to crack;
At weddin's and clippin's there's nae body seen
That can lilt a sly ballad like auld Willie Green.

Nane can plough streighter furrows, nor cleaner [illegible] land keep;
He's wise about ailments o' kine and o' sheep;
Though a varra fair man, at a bargain he's keen:
Ye main rise gaily suin, if ye'd cheat Willie Green!

Lang, lang may he flourish, where by the green Howe,
'Tween the lakes 'mid the mountains, fair Derwent doth flow;
For when his kind eyelids shall close o'er the scene,
There'll be few fellows left us like auld Willie Green.

THE SCHOLARSHIP at Oxford founded by Lady Burdett-Coutts in 1880, for the promotion of the study of geology and of natural science as bearing on theology, has been awarded to Mr. Joseph Baldwin Nias, B.A., of Exeter College.

THE DINNER OF THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY of London took place last Monday evening at the Freemasons' Tavern. Mr. Cameron, of Lochiel, M.P., great-grandson of Sir Ralph Abercrombie, who fell at the battle of Alexandria in 1801, presided, on the anniversary of which engagement the annual dinner of the society is held.

THE REOPENING OF EXETER HALL is fixed for Jubilee Day—Tuesday, the 29th inst. The celebration will be presided over by Lord Shaftesbury, supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Cairns, and numerous other distinguished persons.

THE EXETER HALL CLUB will draw all the good young men in London.

THE SCHOOL CHILDREN of the United States have a fashion of celebrating the birthdays of the national poets by recitations from their works. Mr. Longfellow recently sent, with his compliments and good wishes, this little verse to the Columbus school children, who celebrated his birthday:—

If any thought of mine e'er sung or told,
Has ever given delight or consolation;
Ye have repaid me back a thousand-fold,
By every friendly sign and salutation.

GUELPH AND ROMANOFF AT ST. PETERSBURG.

Our Illustrations

THE CZAR'S FUNERAL.

THE Prince and Princess of Wales on Monday evening last left London for St. Petersburg, in order to be present at the final funeral ceremonies of Alexander II. We trust that the practical proof of sympathy shown by the Heir to the Throne and the most popular of Princesses to the new Czar and Czarina on this melancholy occasion may bear fruit in the welcome shape of a more cordial relationship between Russia and England.

THE CZAR'S ASSASSINATION

is so terrible an incident in the World's History that we may be allowed to supplement our last week's Pictorial Chronicle of the deplorable event with the comprehensive Engraving printed in the centre of our present Issue.

An officer named Nowikoff, who was himself a witness of the lamentable occurrence of Sunday, March 13, communicated to the *Novoe Vremya* a recital of all that occurred. He says he was walking home with two comrades from the Riding-School, where the Emperor had been holding the parade, and had just reached the Razan Bridge, when he heard a loud report. Nowikoff hurried to the spot whence the sound proceeded, and saw a group of people about thirty yards from him. A thick cloud of snow, mingled with splinters of wood, rose at the same time close to the place. Then came a second explosion. Nowikoff thereupon ran all the faster, and when he arrived at the spot saw a sailor holding someone. The snow was thrown up in all directions, and on the ground lay a boy, killed; a Cossack, very severely injured; and one other person—the Emperor—without helmet or mantle, his clothes torn to pieces, his legs shattered, his blood dyeing the snow. Nowikoff threw himself weeping at the Emperor's side, with the words,

"Good God! What has happened to your Majesty?"

The Emperor remained motionless, and Nowikoff, with the assistance of some sailors, who had hurried to the spot, lifted him up, himself holding him round the body and breast, while the sailors, without leaving go of their carbines, held the feet. The Emperor then attempted to lift his hand to his bleeding brow, murmuring twice the word

"Cold."

Nowikoff was just about to take his handkerchief from his pocket to bind round the Emperor's head, when the Grand Duke Michael came up and, bending down close to the Emperor's face, said, "How do you feel?" What his Majesty replied it was difficult to catch. The Grand Duke ordered the sailors to throw down their carbines, and then, taking a cap from one of the bystanders, placed it on the Emperor's head. They then began to move forward. Nowikoff asked the Grand Duke whether he would allow the bearers to carry the Emperor into the

nearest house for the purpose of applying bandages to the wounded parts. The Emperor, who evidently retained his consciousness, on hearing this, whispered in broken language, "Carry to Palace; there die," and some few more words which were unintelligible. The Emperor was then placed on Colonel Dvortjetsky's sledge and driven to the palace, where he expired very shortly after.

RUSSAKOFF'S CONFESSION.

The man who threw the first bomb made a confession. A special supplement of the Russian official *Gazette* was published on March 15, containing a statement of the Minister of the Interior to the following effect:—

"One of the chief organisers of the attack upon the Czar, a man who was arrested on March 11, has confessed his complicity in the planning of the deed, and has also denounced the man Russakoff, who threw the first bomb and was taken *in flagrante delicto* as the prime author. In the person of the individual who evidently launched the second bomb and was himself mortally wounded, Russakoff, on being shown the corpse, recognised his accomplice.

"The house from which Russakoff and his companion obtained the bombs was discovered last night. As soon as the officers of the law appeared the male occupant of the house shot himself, but a woman who was living with him was arrested. The police found there a number of grenades, and also a proclamation stating that the assassination had been accomplished by two persons. At eleven o'clock this morning a young man entered the house and was immediately arrested, but not until he had fired six shots with a revolver and wounded three policemen."

ALEXANDER III. CROWNS HIMSELF.

On Monday, March 14, the day after the death of Alexander II., the officers of the Guards, the civil officials, and the Court of dignitaries met in the Winter Palace to take the oath of allegiance to the new Czar. When all were assembled, at one o'clock, the Emperor Alexander Alexandrovitch, followed by his Consort (now the Empress), and the whole of the Imperial family, issued from the cabinet where the remains of the late Czar were lying. In passing through the St. George's Hall, on his way to the chapel, the Emperor stopped before the guard of honour, and said, in a voice half-choked with emotion,

"*I know well how highly my father valued your fidelity, zeal, and devotion. In his dying moments he*

FUNERAL PROCESSION TO THE CATHEDRAL FORTRESS OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, WHERE THE CZAR LIES IN STATE.

counselled me to be the servant of Russia. I count on your loyalty to me, and, when I am no longer here, to my son."

Long and enthusiastic affirmations ran through the hall as, with these words, the Emperor turned and pointed to the Czarewitch, a boy of thirteen. Arrived in the chapel, the Emperor himself placed the crown upon his head, and was immediately saluted as Emperor, amidst deafening cheers, by the State functionaries and ladies, who were dressed in the Russian national costume. His Majesty was much moved and shed tears.

At half-past one a salute, fired by the cannon of the fortress, announced the conclusion of the ceremonies connected with the accession to the Throne and the taking of the oath. The open space in front of the palace was covered with people when, at half-past two, the new Emperor and Empress passed through the crowd on their way to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan, amidst deafening acclamations.

The arrival of the Grand Duchess Marie and the Duke of Edinburgh in St. Petersburg on the Wednesday night after the assassination must have been a welcome event to the new Emperor and Empress.

We may here remark that the formal coronation of Alexander III. is to take place at Moscow on the expiration of the period of deep mourning, and the residence of the Imperial party in the ancient capital will then be prolonged until the end of the year, the Muscovite proclivities of the present Czar being well known.

FUNERAL OF ALEXANDER II.

The body of the late Emperor having been embalmed and clad in the uniform of the Preobrajenski Regiment, agreeably to the wish of the deceased Monarch, was on March 15 removed to the Chapel of the Winter Palace, in the presence of the Imperial Family.

In accordance with the proclamation of the mounted heralds, who had on the previous evening announced the event all over St. Petersburg, the mortal remains of the Emperor were on Saturday, March 19, transferred from the chamber of death to the Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul with the usual elaborate pomp and solemnity observable on such sad occasions. The view we print of the funeral of the Grand Duchess Marie Nicolaievna (elder sister of Alexander II.) in the spring of 1876 affords some notion of the appearance of this Fortress Cathedral; but this cortége conveys but a faint idea of the Imperial grandeur of last Saturday's procession. The whole route was lined by troops of the garrison, immediately behind whom the public were permitted to stand, but no gallery or platform for their convenience had been erected, and householders were only allowed at their personal risk and peril to let their windows and balconies to strangers. Resplendent was the show of banners and military pomp. Much attention was attracted by

A KNIGHT IN GOLDEN ARMOUR,

mounted upon a gorgeously harnessed steed, carrying a drawn sword, and supposed to symbolise the bright and spotless character of the departed Sovereign. After him walked a man-at-arms in sable armour,

with a drawn sword, and then the mourning standard of black silk, followed by a horse in drapery of the same hue.

The sable monotony was next relieved by a squadron of his Majesty's Cuirassiers of the Guard, two heralds, and four Colonels carrying the four swords of the Empire reversed. Then followed a crowd of functionaries of the fourth class, carrying on golden cushions the foreign decorations, orders, and medals of the deceased Sovereign, fifty-seven in number, and including all the proudest and most distinguished honours of the kind in Christendom, and even Mussulmandom—the Garter, the Black Eagle, the Golden Fleece, the Holy Ghost, the Elephant, and the Medjidie. Thereafter were borne the crowns of the kingdoms of Georgia, Jauris, Siberia, Poland, Astrakan, and Kasan, with the Imperial globe, sceptre, and crown, followed by two Masters and the Grand Master of the Ceremonies—all these order and insignia bearing officials being flanked on each side by a battalion of cadets from St. Paul's Military School, marching in single file. At last

THE GORGEOUSLY GILT FUNERAL CAR,

drawn by eight horses, led by as many functionaries of the eighth class. On each corner sat four aides-de-camp of his late Majesty, the cords and tassels depending from the pall being held by eight Generals and as many Major-Generals, all in deep mourning, while at the sides of the car walked sixty liveried pages, with burning torches. Immediately after the imposing state hearse thus escorted walked

THE EMPEROR ALEXANDER III.,

in full-dress General's uniform of the Preobrajenski Regiment of the Guard, looking sad and serious, yet confident and composed; his Majesty being followed by the Ministers of his household, the Minister of War, and two or three Generals of his suite, with all the members of the house present in St. Petersburg, and including the Grand Dukes Wladimir, Alexis, Sergius, Paul, Constantine Sergius, Michaelovitsch, Dimitri, the three Nicholasses, Peter, the two Michaels, George and Alexander—all on foot, like his Majesty, with the following Princes;—Romanoffsky, Leuchtenberg, Nicholas and George Maximilianovitch, Peter, Alexander, and Constantine of Oldenburg, and the Dukes George and Michael of Mecklenburg-Strelitz.

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wore the uniform of the Gamburgsky Hussar Regiment, of which the Duchess is honorary Colonel. The Empress, accompanied by the young Cesarewitch, Nicholai Alexandrovitch, and George Alexandrovitch, and by the Grand Duchess Marie Paulowna, followed in a carriage drawn by eight horses. In another carriage, drawn by six others, were the Grand Duchesses Alexandra Josephowna, Olga Marie Alexandrowna, Duchess of Edinburgh, and Catherine Michaelowna.

THE CATHEDRAL SERVICE.

As the funeral car passed, all the troops along the line of route presented arms, while the bands of the various military contingents in the cortège played solemn music. On the hearse arriving at the entrance to the cathedral, the pall was taken up by eight Generals, while the Emperor, assisted by the Grand Dukes and Princes, lifted the coffin and bore it into the sacred pile, preceded by the Metropolitan and clergy, and placed it on the catafalque prepared for it. On each side of the coffin-bearers marched six Grenadiers of the Palace, without their arms, and six under-officers of the Guard Regiments whereof the deceased Czar was chief, with their helmets off. The steps of the catafalque being thus reached, the coffin-lid was taken off by eight Aides-de-Camp of the Emperor, and laid upon a table covered with a silver cloth fringed with gold.

When the service had come to a conclusion, his Imperial Majesty Alexander III., kneeling on one knee, kissed the hand of his dead father; the Empress followed his Majesty's example; then, bowing slightly to the personages in their immediate vicinity, the Imperial couple quitted the cathedral. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh and the Grand Duchesses present were successively conducted to the coffin to pay their last tribute of love and reverence.

THE LYING IN STATE.

One of the Special Correspondents of the London press writes:—"In the evening another service was celebrated, and when the Imperial cortège had driven away I entered the cathedral chosen by the Romanoffs as their last resting-place. To the left, in the shadow of the clustered columns, stand their plain flat-topped tombs of white marble. Beside that of the late Empress is a vacant space, where, according to his expressed wish, will repose the mortal remains of Alexander II. In the centre of the building, under a magnificent canopy of white and black and gold stretching upwards to the roof, lay the open coffin, on a dais covered with crimson cloth. Upon a step in front, on three coarse silken cushions, were the orders and decorations of the deceased, from the Chrysanthemum of Japan to the Golden Fleece of Spain.

"Round the head of the coffin, in a semicircle, the regalia were arranged on either side of the Imperial Standard; to the left lay the shield and sword; on the right were the orb and sceptre, crusted with brilliants, and surmounted, the one by a matchless sapphire, and the other by the celebrated Orloff diamond. Adjoining these were the Crowns of all the kingdoms and principalities which together make up the Empire of all the Russias—namely, those of Siberia, Poland, Georgia, and Taurida, and of the Tartar kingdoms of Kazan and Astrachan, in delicate Oriental metal-work and uncut precious stones. Greater than all these was the Imperial Crown itself, matchless in beauty, shining resplendent in its jewelled lustre.

"At the lectern stood a black-robed priest, reading the words of the Gospel in the sonorous Slavonian of the Russian Liturgy. At the four corners of the catafalque stood as many aides-de-camp generals, and motionless on the steps of the dais a guard of military cadets and pages.

"In the midst of all this splendour lay the murdered Sovereign, with ghastly upturned face and folded hands, clad in the uniform of the Preobrajenski Guard. The lower part of the body was completely hidden under a heap of fresh flowers, deposited by loving hands.

"I gazed awhile at the features, which are altered, yet easily recognisable; then, stooping, kissed with reverence the hand that had signed the liberation of forty millions of serfs, and passed out into the starlight amidst crowds of rough soldiery, who, to do them justice, would have died to a man to have saved their Father Czar."

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now bears her great loss with characteristic fortitude. But on her arrival last week, and after visiting the chamber of death, she was greatly overcome, and sleep refused to assuage her grief. The next morning, however, she visited the Princess Urieffat, and remained more than an hour with her. In the evening the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh (incognito) paid a visit to the spot where the fatal bomb struck the Emperor. This is now inclosed and planted with cypress-trees at each corner, and the intervening space is covered with memorial wreaths, with an Ikon, or sacred picture, placed at one end, a silver lamp burning before it. Here the Duchess remained praying for some minutes, and the people standing near, seeing a lady in deep mourning kneeling on the snow, were much moved. This spot is, as might be expected, visited by crowds daily. The Municipality has decided to build a memorial church on the spot, in accordance with the wish of the Emperor Alexander III.

ALEXANDER III. PROMISES A CONSTITUTION.

With widespread satisfaction will the following important announcement, telegraphed on Monday by the *Daily News* Correspondent from St. Petersburg, be read:—

It is said to have been the wish of the Emperor Alexander III. to postpone all important State business until after the funeral ceremonies; but, on the representation that it was desirable not to defer the consideration of important Imperial questions, a Council of Ministers was held yesterday, and it was then decided to proceed without delay with the preparatory measure above mentioned, and to elaborate the question of the representation of the people in some form. What that form may be is the primary matter to be considered, and possibly, if not probable, the ultimate outcome will be to build on the foundation of existing national institutions, local self-government, rather than make any servile copy of Western Constitutional systems. This preparatory measure will, I have reason to believe, be taken in accordance with the proposals approved by the late Emperor just twelve days before his assassination. Any modifications that may be introduced are not likely to be restrictive of Liberal tendencies.

Amongst those who took part in the Council yesterday was the Grand Duke Vladimir, who gives his cordial support to the Emperor's views. Amongst other Imperial questions at present under consideration is said to be the provision for a Regency during the minority of the present Cesarewitch, should such be required.

THE BOER WAR CLOSED.

WETTING THE ARMISTICE.

The good-fellowship of Major-General Sir Evelyn Wood no doubt tended to smooth the negotiations with Commandant Joubert. Hence our Artist's Illustration of "Wetting the Armistice." The English and Boer Commanders met first about midway between the Boer Camp at Laing's Neck and the British Camp at Mount Prospect; and at their very first interview appear to have cemented that respect which brave men always entertain for one another. They clinked glasses—and presumably drank to "Peace!" The prolongations of the Armistice have, happily, led to an arrangement, mutually honourable. The Boers substantially accepted the proposal of the Government. In the words of Mr. Gladstone:—

Firstly, the suzerainty of the Queen over the Transvaal is acknowledged (Opposition cheers). Secondly, a complete self-government is promised to the Boers (Ministerial cheers). Thirdly, the control of foreign relations is reserved [to the Crown, Mr. Gladstone afterwards surmised]. Fourthly, there is to be a Resident at the future capital. Fifthly, the Royal Commission will consist of Sir Hercules Robinson, Sir Evelyn Wood, and Chief Justice de Villiers (the Chief Justice at the Cape). Sixthly, the Commission will consider the provisions for the protection of native interests, and arrangements as to frontier affairs. Seventhly, the Commission will also consider the question whether any and what portions of the Transvaal territory eastwards, within certain limits, should be severed from the Transvaal. Eighthly, the Boers withdraw from the Neck and disperse to their homes. Ninthly, the British garrisons remain in the Transvaal until the final settlement. Tenthly, the Boers having engaged as above, Sir E. Wood promised not to advance nor to send warlike stores into the Transvaal (Loud and prolonged cheering).

Chit-Chat.

THE KING OF SWEDEN is in a consumption.

THE STAY OF THE EMPRESS OF AUSTRIA in Cheshire is drawing to a close, as she is expected in Vienna on the 7th proximo.

SIR STAFFORD NORTHCOTE presided on Saturday at the anniversary festival of the Home for Little Boys, at Farningham.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE STEPHEN, of Montreal, who entertained Prince Leopold in Canada, had the honour of being presented to the Queen at Windsor Castle on Wednesday week.

PRINCE LEOPOLD, whose health is much better, and who had been the guest of the Queen, left Windsor Castle yesterday week.

THE THIRTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY OF PRINCESS LOUISE (Marchioness of Lorne) was not kept on March 18, save by the unfurling of the Royal standard. The occasion would have been celebrated with the usual honours paid to members of the Royal Family, but in consequence of the recent death of Alexander II. the customary loyal demonstrations were omitted at Windsor.

VICE-CHANCELLOR SIR R. MALINS, whose resignation was announced some days ago, took formal farewell of the clerks and officials of the Court on Monday.

MR. BRIGHT has received from Paris a memorial advocating the independence of the Transvaal, and signed by a considerable number of Senators, Deputies, and members of the Académie Française. Among the signatures are those of MM. Victor Hugo, Renan, and Henri Martin.

MISS LYDIA E. BECKER and Miss Alice Scatherd have issued a manifesto to the women electors of the Isle of Man. The Eve in woman will out.

MR. JAMES FORBES, of Chertsey, has now in his fish-boxes upwards of 24,000 young fish ready to be turned into the river as soon as they are capable of beginning on their own account the "struggle for existence." These comprise the native Thames trout, the ordinary trout, the great lake trout or Salmo ferox, and the Salmo fontanalis or American brook trout.

SIR GARNET WOLSELEY was summoned at Epsom on Monday for keeping two dogs at his residence, The Grange, Great Bookham, without having taken out licences. Lord Egmont said that if Sir Garnet had not put in an appearance, or sent anyone to represent him, he would have to pay a fine of five shillings.

LADY BURDETT-COUTTS is *not* gravely indisposed, as was reported.

MR. RUSKIN is seriously ill.

THE ROYAL NORMAL COLLEGE AND ACADEMY OF MUSIC FOR THE BLIND will give an interesting concert at St. James's Hall on Saturday evening.

THE LANDSLIP on the South-Eastern Railway last Saturday was at the west end of the Abbot's Cliff Tunnel, and the fall of chalk was from the side of the cutting, not from the cliff.

THE LONDON FINANCIAL ASSOCIATION has accepted the tender of Messrs. Jones and Barber for a lease for a long term of years of the Alexandra Palace and Park.

KING'S-CROSS THEATRE, scene of Mr. Irving's début, and for the last fifty years principally utilised for amateur theatricals, is to be pulled down. The lease expires on the 28th inst., and on the 25th and 26th a complimentary benefit will be given to Mr. Harry Crouch, the lessee.

DR. BERNAYS ON COCOA.—"What are we to say to Cocoas containing only twelve to twenty per cent of Cocoa? A thin drink of genuine Cocoa would be both wholesomer and cheaper than when thickened." CADBURY'S ESSENCE is genuine and cheaper in use.—[ADVT.]

FAMILY NOVELS AND FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN. "Annette," a complete Novel; a Biography of the Speaker of the House of Commons; interesting and instructive Dialogues; and How to Make a Dress. See this week's "Novelette." Edited by Rita, in book form, price One Penny. The best and cheapest publication in the world. At all Newsagents'.—[ADVT.]

BEAUTIFUL TEETH.—The Hovenden Tooth-Paste, compounded from the most approved dental simples of the Pharmacopœia. Rose flavour. The cheapest, most efficacious, and most agreeable dentifrice extant. Price 1s., of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale of R. Hovenden and Sons, London. Samples post-free 15 penny stamps.—[ADVT.]

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once; it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is perfectly harmless, and very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes. Sold by all Chemists, at 1s. 1½d. per Bottle.—[ADVT.]

Law and Crime.

TRIAL OF RUSSAKOFF FOR THE MURDER OF THE CZAR.

We learn from St. Petersburg that the preliminary investigation and interrogation of the prisoners arrested for the murder of the Czar was brought to a close late on Saturday night, and the Assistant-Procureur Mourawieff, who has drawn up the act of the prisoners, described them thus:—

"Nicholai Russakoff, arrested on March 1, and acknowledging to having thrown an explosive shell at the sacred person of the Emperor; Andrew Jeliabow, arrested on Feb. 27, and acknowledging to having taken part in the preparations for the fatal attack on the Emperor; Timothy Michailoff, who fired at and wounded the police on the occasion of his arrest in the Teleshny-street; and Jessie Heifman, who lived and worked with Navrotsky, the man who shot himself as the police forced an entrance into his residence in the Teleshny-street."

The scientific part of the investigation has been conducted by a professor of the Artillery Institute, who, regardless of the great personal danger to himself, has successfully analysed the various explosives discovered by the police.

A special inquiry has been ordered into the conduct of the persons through whose negligence of duty the mine in the Little Sadova-street remained undiscovered. The occupants of the butter and cheese shop from which the gallery was made had been for some time under the suspicion of the police. As late as March 12 an officer of high rank, belonging to the scientific corps, had been specially ordered to examine the premises. The examination was made and a report sent in on the subject, but nothing was discovered, although had the Emperor passed along the street next day as was expected he would certainly have been killed, and an immense number of other lives would have been lost in the terrific explosion, for all preparations were complete.

CONTINENTAL NIHILISTS.

Several arrests have been made in Paris. Amongst those taken into custody are the chief of the Nihilists in that city and the German Socialist David. On the French frontier the Custom House officials have seized a number of photographs which the Nihilists were endeavouring to convey into France. At Copenhagen the editor of a Socialist newspaper has been arrested, at the instance of the Russian Minister, for "insulting the Russian Government."

A LONDON RAG ON THE ASSASSINATION.

London has its sympathisers with Nihilism. A striking instance of this has to be noticed. *Freiheit*, the organ of the Social Democrats in London, appeared last Saturday with a wide red border round the front page. The first article is headed, in large capitals,

"AT LAST!"

and begins thus:—"Triumph! Triumph! The word of the poet has been fulfilled. One of the most abominable tyrants of Europe, who has long been appointed for destruction, and who, knowing this, had in his wild vengeance doomed untold heroes and heroines of the Russian people to death or imprisonment—the Emperor of Russia is no more."

A paragraph in the same journal, referring to the Mansion House outrage, speaks of the package of gunpowder as having been placed there by an unknown hand, the word unknown being significantly placed between inverted commas.

LAW PARALYSED IN IRELAND.

Owing to the impossibility of a fair trial by jury being had, counsel for the Crown applied to Mr. Justice Fitzgerald at the Kerry Assizes on Saturday for a postponement of trial in the case of several Land Leaguers charged with holding illegal courts and sending threatening letters. Only one conviction has been obtained at these assizes, that of a man who was one of an armed and disguised party who entered a house and stole some money and arms. He was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude.

THE HANMER CASE.

The disorderly proceedings at Bettisfield Hall, arising out of the claim of a person named Hanmer to the estates of the late Lord Hanmer, were inquired into by the Flintshire magistrates on Saturday. The result was that the "claimant" was bound over to be of good behaviour.

ANOTHER CLERGYMAN IN GAOL.

It is high time the present monstrous ecclesiastical law in this country was altered. We regret to hear that the Rev. S. F. Green, Rector of St. John the Evangelist, Miles Platting, was on Saturday arrested for disobedience to the monition of Lord Penzance, and conveyed to Lancaster Castle.

LAWSON V. LABOUCHERE.

This action for libel has been a prominent topic of gossip since the Friday of last week. It is the trial of the indictment against Mr. Labouchere and Mr. Wyman for libel in respect of articles published in *Truth* reflecting upon the character of Mr. Levy Lawson, managing proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, and has been resumed in the Queen's Bench Division. The cross-examination of the plaintiff by Mr. Labouchere, and the forensic fencing of plaintiff and defendant, appeared to tickle the audience as much as a Byronic comedy does.

A REWARD OF £100

has been offered for such information as will lead to the detection of the person who deposited the box of gunpowder at the Mansion House. The belief is that it was the work of some Fenian fanatic, as scraps of Irish and American Fenian journals were found in and around the box.

CHARGE AGAINST A VICAR.

The Rev. T. H. Twist, Vicar of St. Michael's, Derby, appeared on Monday before the magistrates of that borough, charged, at the instance of the Chief Constable (Colonel Delacombe), with "feloniously and fraudulently detaining a certain telegram directed to the superintendent of police." The case was adjourned.

A LONDON HORROR.

George Read, a labourer, was charged at Clerkenwell Police Court on Monday with throwing his wife out of the second floor window on 10, Benjamin-street, St. Sepulchre. According to the statement of the woman, taken at the hospital, she interposed to prevent him striking her child, when he knocked her down, threw a paraffin lamp at her, and ultimately took hold of her by the waist and threw her out of the window. The accused was remanded; and his wife lies in a critical condition.

A DUBLIN MYSTERY.

Thomas Bourke is under treatment in a Dublin hospital for a bullet wound, which he alleges that he sustained while standing in the street near St. John's Protestant church. But the occurrence is surrounded by so much mystery that it is considered that the occurrence may possibly have been an accident.

THE MURDER OF LIEUT. ROPER.

On Tuesday, at Leamington, Alfred Wm. Johnson, traveller, who gave himself up on Monday to the police, was charged, on his own confession, with murdering Lieutenant Roper at Chatham on Feb. 11 last. He said he met him on the staircase near his quarters, and shot him with a brother officer's pistol. He said he could not keep the secret longer, and did not commit the murder for robbery. The prisoner on Tuesday denied his name was Johnson, and refused his name or address. He is aged about twenty-four; very slight build, 5 ft. 4 in., dark brown hair, slight whiskers, and light brown moustache.—Remanded.

Have it in Your Houses.—Lamplough's Pyretic Saline.—The cure in smallpox, fevers, Skin Diseases, of Bilious Sickness. Sold by Chemists, and the only Maker, H. Lamplough, 113, Holborn-hill, London, E.C.—[Advt.]

This most wholesome and nutritious of confections is far less consumed than it would be were it not for the greatly adulterated articles sold under the name of chocolate. Every cake of Chocolate bearing the name of Cadbury is guaranteed to consist solely of pure Cocoa and white sugar, and may therefore be given to children with perfect safety. Chocolate-makers by special appointment to the Queen.—[Advt.]

Valuable Discovery for the Hair.—If your hair is turning grey, or white, or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it will positively restore in every case grey or white hair to its original colour, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting its growth on bald spots where the glands are not decayed. "The Mexican Hair Renewer" is sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere at 3s. 6d. per Bottle.—[Advt.]

The Playgoer.

Ladies who doat on music may be glad to learn that every imaginable Saint having been musically honoured, the turn will at last come of the patron saint of England. On St. George's Day, an English Concert will be given in the Albert Hall.

Mr. Charles Warner's arm in a sling wins for this gushing young actor some sympathy at the Adelphi. But this is a mere nothing compared to the tearful tributes paid to "Mary Warner" at New Sadler's Wells. Domestic drama or melodrama should yet make the fortune of "the Wells."

All the masterly grasp of character and power of acting that characterised Mr. Edwin Booth's Richelieu and King Lear are noticeable in his Shylock and Petruchio, with which this sterling artist concludes his engagement with Mr. Gooch at the Princess's. "Branded"—not "Soda and Branded," as a rival dramatist malevolently suggests—is due from Mr. Richard Lee at this handsome new theatre to-night.

An opinion previously formed regarding Mr. James Willing, jun.'s, "Delilah," was confirmed by a visit to the Standard on the one-hundredth night of this effective adaptation from Ouida. Messrs. Douglass's handsome theatre—deservedly the most popular at the East End—was thronged by a delighted audience, whose laughter and applause made it clear to me that "Delilah" would do very well in the provinces. If it could only be cast in the country as well as it was at the Standard, with Bella Pateman as the charming siren, Mr. Leonard Boyne as Sir Arthur, Mr. J. C. Cowper as the amusing Major, Miss Fanny Addison as Lady Tempest, and Miss Bella Cuthbert as Mrs. Greytown, "Delilah" would net some thousands more.

Music and Ballet! The Alhambra remains unexcelled. Mr. Howard Paul will find it hard to better the present brilliant bill.

Mr. G. R. Sims's new comedy, first named "The Author," has been rechristened "Mother-in-Law," a title far more in keeping with the rollicking fun of the piece, which is not at all "stout and bitter," though.

Zephyrs from the Wings.

Managers have reason to be thankful just now. There is scarcely a theatre doing really bad business.

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The Gaiety is still crowded every night, and I hear it is Manager Hollingshead's intention to keep "The Forty Thieves" in the bill until June 4. The French company appear on the 6th of the same month.

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At Manchester, the other day, Mr. W. H. Griffiths, acting-manager of the Prince of Wales's, London, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Marian West, a young lady who, about five or six years ago, was a favourite at the Gaiety Theatre. As they have been engaged about the same period, they cannot be accused of marrying in haste; and I sincerely trust there will be no leisurely repentance.

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Miss Helen Barry has begun her engagement at the Imperial Theatre. Mr. J. Barnes supports her in the principal character. I always admire Barnes's manly and robust figure. His countenance also wears such an air of serenity and contentment! His voice, too—Oh! his voice! If you have never heard it, go to the Green Room Club some night, and hear him talk about the successes he has made and the notices he has had!

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On Monday last the wife of a Mr. Robson, comedian, was charged with attempted suicide. My only reason for calling attention to this disagreeable episode is that perhaps many will associate the name with that of Robson, the eminent comedian who died about '65. There is no connection whatever. The lady in question is the wife of Mat Robson, who sailed with the Leavitt troupe, mentioned last week, to America, and used to play at the second-rate theatres in Liverpool about eighteen years ago.

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I hear the Litton Comedy Company has been doing enormous business at the Prince of Wales's Theatre, Birmingham. Their next town is Manchester, after which they start for Glasgow, where, I believe, they will make a lengthened stay. After that Miss Litton enters upon an engagement at the Court Theatre.

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Miss Ewell is playing Mrs. Bouncewell, in "Jo" at the Olympic, in the place of Mrs. Humphries, who is still very ill. Miss Bennett resumed her former part of Lady Dedlock, vice Miss Leighton, who has gone on a trip to Paris.

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I am very sorry to hear that Mr. Pinero, the author and actor, is very ill with typhoid fever. I sincerely hope it will not prove dangerous, as we can ill afford to spare one of the most promising authors of the day.

ARIEL.

ASSASSINATION OF ALEXANDER II., AND CORONATION OF ALEXANDER III. IN ST. PETERSBURG.

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Chat of the Gossips.

["WHAT THE *World* SAYS."]

Whoso has attended the sale of Beauty's effects has witnessed, in miniature, the tragi-comedy of life and death.

Here is a little Mayfair mansion, which is professionally described as a bijou residence, whose furniture and fittings are being sold under the hammer. It is a nondescript collection. Here are nicknacks from Wardour-street, and there are lustrous spoils from Ethiop and from Ind. That fan, with its lace complications and jewelled handle, was a tribute from his dusky Highness the Maharajah of Bogleywallah. This dressing-case was presented by a great Transparency, so illustrious that his name must not be mentioned.

A year ago the whole town was talking of the luck and felicity which were centred in this little nutshell of a house. It was the coveted shrine of society; and as for the rumours that it was maintained without any capital to speak of, that was the vicious invention of the enemy. Pactolus was one of its tributary streams. Its Lord and Lady had untold sums at their banker's. Royalty feasted in the little dining-room more sumptuously than in one of its own palaces. Scented fountains played all day long, and magical music was emitted from a casket of porphyry and turquoise.

So, at least, the world said, and, perhaps, believed; nor is there any member of that same world who would not have then purchased the poorest chattel which Beauty owned for its weight in gold.

But that was a twelvemonth ago, and much has happened since then. The idolaters and parasites have made for themselves a new image, and Beauty's effects are knocked down for next to nothing. The carpets are hung out of the windows. In that little dining-room, where there has been so many a small banquet—"worthy of Lucullus," as a famous Transparency used to observe—there is a cynical pushing crowd, composed of fine gentlemen and ladies who simper and sneer, and of keen-eyed Hebrews who investigate and appraise. These curtains look pretty, but they are worthless. That brocade is handsome, but of its quality the less said the better. Here is the couch on which Beauty wooed slumber, but it is an iron bedstead of the commonest manufacture.

My interest in the *Cuckoo* is very large, and I shall always remain attached to it as "standing counsel;" but my labours are devoted to my early love, and my name is Atlas, and not Audubon.

The Prince of Wales cannot attend the Brighton Review. He is engaged to open the Norwich Fishing Exhibition on Easter Monday.

It is wholly at her own desire—and contrary, it is said, to the wishes of the Queen and the Ministry—that the Princess of Wales accompanies the Prince to St. Petersburg. But the attachment of the Danish Royal family to each other is extraordinary, and the Princess had an irrepressible yearning to see her sister, the new Empress. Who, by-the-way, is said to be a woman of great intelligence and vast ambition, and to exercise great influence over her husband.

Two distinguished ladies have proved themselves formidable rivals to the Empress of Austria in the hunting-field—Lady Alexander Paget, *née* Miss Cotton, and Lady Rocksavage, *née* Miss Kingscote. Both these ladies are magnificent horsewomen, and hold their own over any country.

The ex-King and Queen of Naples, who hired a hunting-box in the neighbourhood of the Empress of Austria, at Combermere, and who have been residing there during the last four weeks under the name of Count and Countess de Larische, left last week for Italy, after a most enjoyable, though short, hunting season. The ex-Queen is as fond of riding as her sister, and as accomplished a horsewoman; they belong to an equestrian race.

Torquay, which has not been so favourite a residence as usual this severe winter, has lately filled very fast. This lovely place is one of the few spots in England where the month of March can be passed by the invalid with pleasure and safety.

Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the brilliant and influential editor of the *New York Tribune*, will marry Miss Mills, the only daughter of a Californian banker and millionaire. The fortune which her father will settle on her at her marriage will be one million sterling.

Mr. Mills has one of the most beautiful houses in New York; he has gold-mines and silver-mines in the Rocky Mountains, and is building the British Columbia section of the Canada and Pacific Railway. Mr. Reid will take his bride to England immediately after the marriage.

The new racecourse at Four Oaks Park, about seven miles from Birmingham, with its club à la Sandown, is likely to prove a great success.

Sports and Pastimes.

O. AND C. BOAT-RACE.

THE University crews have now finished their practice on the Isis and Cam, the Oxonians having left Oxford on Thursday week for Marlow, where they remained until Monday, when they went to Maidenhead. The oarsmen in both crews are now rowing in the same order as last week, though Harrison, of Keble, occupied Paterson's place at No. 3 in the Oxford boat for a couple of days in consequence of the latter being slightly indisposed; while at Cambridge G. L. Stevens, of Trinity Hall, for a short time took Gridley's seat at bow. There has been some improvement in the rowing of the two eights during the week, the men having become more used to the light boats, and perhaps the Cambridge crew has progressed the most.

The Cantabs had a mouthful of sea air at Brighton on Sunday; and on Monday made their first appearance on the Thames, their quarters being at Mortlake, Messieurs and Mesdames the sightseers. Fairfax House, where the crew are located, is exactly in the rear of the Ship, but on that (the Surrey) side of the river there is no accommodation for the housing of boats. The boat-house of the Grove Park Club, which is situated on the Middlesex shore, about three hundred yards above the Ship, is the only suitable place available, and the Cantabs ought to consider themselves somewhat fortunate in having been able to secure such commodious and comfortable quarters. The boat they have brought from Cambridge is the one in which the race of 1876 was rowed. The Cambridge crew are heavier than their opponents; but of the two vessels built for the race by Swaddle and Winship, of Newcastle, that constructed for the Cantabs is said to be the smaller. We append the names of the Light Blues:—

	st.	lb.
R. C. G. M. Gridley, Third Trinity (bow)..	10	12
2. H. Sanford, Lady Margaret	11	9
3. J. A. Watson-Taylor, Magdalene	12	04
4. P. W. Atkin, Jesus	12	1
5. E. Lambert, Pembroke	12	7
6. M. Hutchinson, Jesus	12	1
7. C. W. Moore, Christ's	12	0
S. G. Brookshaw, Trinity Hall (stroke) ..	11	9
H. Woodhouse, Trinity Hall (cox.).. ..	7	3

The Oxonians were out on Monday, as intimated, at Bourne End, up the Thames, and they, as well as the Cantabs, had to face boisterous weather. Mr. Courtney, of New College, treasurer of the Oxford Boat Club, arrived at Marlow on Sunday night, while Mr. Norman, of Magdalen, who stroked one of the Isis eights, came by the first train on Monday morning, on account of the regular coxswain, Mr. Lyon, being in the schools. The former gentleman was shown over the course in the launch, and at half-past eleven he took his seat in the stern of the eight, which was made up as follows:—

	st.	lb.
R. H. J. Poole, Brasenose (bow)	10	9
2. R. A. Pinckney, Exeter	11	1
3. A. R. Paterson, Trinity	12	5
4. E. Black, Hertford	11	8½
5. R. S. Kindersley, Exeter	13	0
6. D. E. Brown, Hertford	12	6½
7. J. H. T. Wharton, Magdalen	11	8
L. R. West, New Inn Hall (stroke) ..	11	0½
E. Norman, Magdalen (cox.)		

Saturday evening last brought to a termination the novel exhibition of shooting powers between Dr. Carver and Mr. Scott, of the Royal Aquarium, Westminster. It will be remembered that these gentlemen agreed to shoot at 20,000 glass balls for a stake stated to amount to £600. The contest had lasted from Wednesday fortnight, the men firing at 1000 balls apiece each evening. Throughout, the form shown by each bespoke a brilliant exhibition, and the unusual nature of the event has caused the Aquarium Annexe to be densely crowded during the competition. At the close of the Friday's shooting the scoring had been so even that the men actually tied, each having broken 8789 bulls out of a possible 9000. There was again a large attendance on Saturday, when the time came for the final struggle, and opinions were much divided as to the probable winner, although the American, owing to his recent success in the Championship contest at Hendon, was evidently the most fancied. At the close of the contest, the question of supremacy was soon decided, as Scott, who appeared to have lost nerve, failed three times, missing at his 8th, 42nd, and 283rd shots, while his opponent only let one go by, and thus secured the victory by two points. The fastest time of the evening was made by Dr. Carver, who broke his eighth hundred in 5 min. 38 sec., and his ninth in 5 min. 40 sec.

An Exhibition match of a more gigantic nature has resulted from this contest. Mr. G. Reeves Smith, Dr. Carver, and Mr. Scott call at the *Sportsman* office on Monday, and drew up articles of agreement to shoot a series of matches in different English towns, the competitors having in all to fire at no fewer than 50,000 glass balls. Mr. Reeves Smith agrees to give to W. F. Carver and Scott the sum of £400 as their prize to be won in thirty contests at 50,000 glass balls—that is, at 25,000 each; whichever succeeds in breaking the greatest number to be adjudged the winner, and to receive £1500 out of the £2000, the loser to receive the balance, £500.

The death of Mr. Alfred—better known as Fred—Ralph, of the White Swan, Wandsworth, took place last Sunday night. He went to the Australian gold-fields, and there met with fair success, but on returning to England he opened the White Swan at Wandsworth in 1870. He was himself a sculler, and in 1857 he rowed a match with Bob Chambers on the Thames, when he was beaten.

The Trial Stakes at Lincoln on Monday, the opening event of the flat-racing season, was won by Mr. W. Sadler's Usurper, the Battyany Stakes being taken by Colonel Forester's Tower and Sword, the Doddington Hunters' Hurdle-race by Mr. J. M. Richardson's Cock Robin, the Yarborough Plate by Mr. Leopold de Rothschild's Fetterless; the Tadwell Plate by Mr. R. R. Christopher's Meslieus, and the Elsham Handicap Hurdle-Race by Sir J. D. Astley's Albania. On Tuesday, the favourites had a bad time of it, as a rule, Fetterless having so much the worst of the start that he could never get through his horses in time to beat old Saltier for the Brocklesby Trial Plate, after which the three equal favourites served up for a Selling Race were all cut down. Archer's mount, Templar, was all the race for the Stonebow Selling affair; but Edensor beat him so easily that the former fetched the sum of 500 guineas at the hammer. Schiller beat a warm favourite in the worn-out old Kaleidoscope for the Blankney Plate. Then came the Brocklesby Two-year-old Race, the eleven starters for which included three highly-tried youngsters in the stable companions Corky and Belle Lurette and Isabel. Ten to one was offered bar the three, but little money was behind the outsiders, who were all beaten easily by Belle Lurette.

The Liverpool Meeting took up the running on Thursday and Friday, and will close the week on Saturday.

One of the most interesting football-matches ever witnessed was the eleventh annual contest, under the Rugby Union rules, between England and Scotland, played last Saturday on the ground of the Edinburgh Academicals. The weather was fine and the attendance very large, there being about 10,000 people present. Each side obtained a goal and a try, and the game consequently ended in a tie.

A surprise awaited those who visited Kennington Oval on Saturday last to witness the match Old Carthusians v. Clapham Rovers in the fifth round for the challenge cup. The well-known strength of the Clapham Rovers, and the fact that they won the cup last year, caused many to regard their chances of success as very strong; but the Old Carthusians sent a very strong team into the field, and the result was that they gained a rather easy victory, winning by three goals to one.

The annual competition of the St. Andrew's University Golf Club for the club medals came off last Saturday. The weather was favourable, and after a keen contest the silver medal was gained by Mr. R. Forgan, with a score of 94, while Lord Carnegie and Mr. F. Boothby tied for the second at 98. On playing over the tie Lord Carnegie secured it with the low score of 86.

A walking-match, to extend over twenty-six hours, and for a stake of £100, took place at the Marble Rink, Clapham, on Friday and Saturday last. The competitors were J. Hibberd, of Bethnal-green, and O. Hancock, of Shadwell, both clever professionals. Hibberd showed the way, and, keeping in close company, they completed their first mile in 9 min. 10 sec. Soon the Shadwell man began to exhibit signs of something wrong, and it was eventually found that he was suffering from an old complaint (varicose veins). He gave up the struggle at noon, when he had walked 97 miles 3 laps. At this time Hibberd had covered close upon 78 miles, and when he had completed a lap over that distance he was allowed to leave off, and the event thus came to an abrupt termination.

"Pendragon," emphatic, as usual, in the enunciation of his opinions, challenges the celebrated American amateur, who is about to visit England. In the last Isaac of the *Referee*, "Pendragon" Sampson says:—"I will lay Mr. Myers or his personal representative £100 that he does not run a hundred yards inside 10 sec. in England. . . . If when Myers is here he happens to be sated with his conquest over the amateurs, I will guarantee to find a professional sprinter—not Hutchens, and not altogether a back-marker—who shall give him two yards in 120, the amateur to take a trophy if he wins, and the pro to take the money, say £500 or £1000."

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the greater portion of which was advanced to the Government till claimants appear. The return from which those figures are taken is an annual one, and it would prove of immense value to the public if it contained the names and addresses of the proprietors on whose stocks these unclaimed dividends are due, with the amount in each case awaiting claimants. This information might be scheduled to the return, and the schedule published in the leading newspapers. Many precedents could be adduced showing the great value of publicity in such matters; but one may suffice—namely, that of the "Dormant Funds in Chancery." When the first batch of these funds was published, the result was that many persons came forward and preferred their claims, and *about one half of the stock supposed to be unclaimed was transferred out of Court to successful claimants*. Better evidence of the value of publicity it would be difficult to find; and, in my humble opinion, no money should be classed as "unclaimed" until every possible effort has been made to trace the rightful owners.

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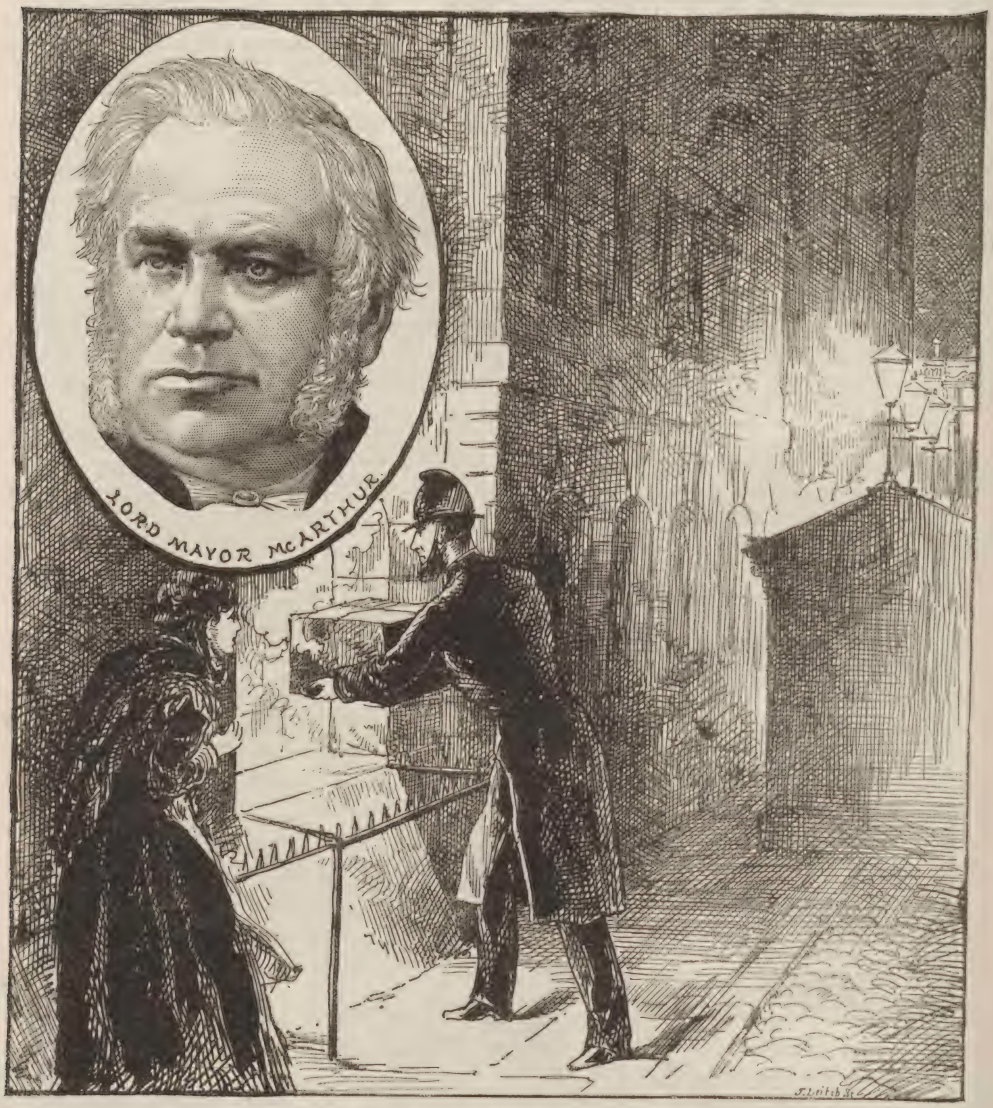


THE MANSION HOUSE GUNPOWDER PLOT.

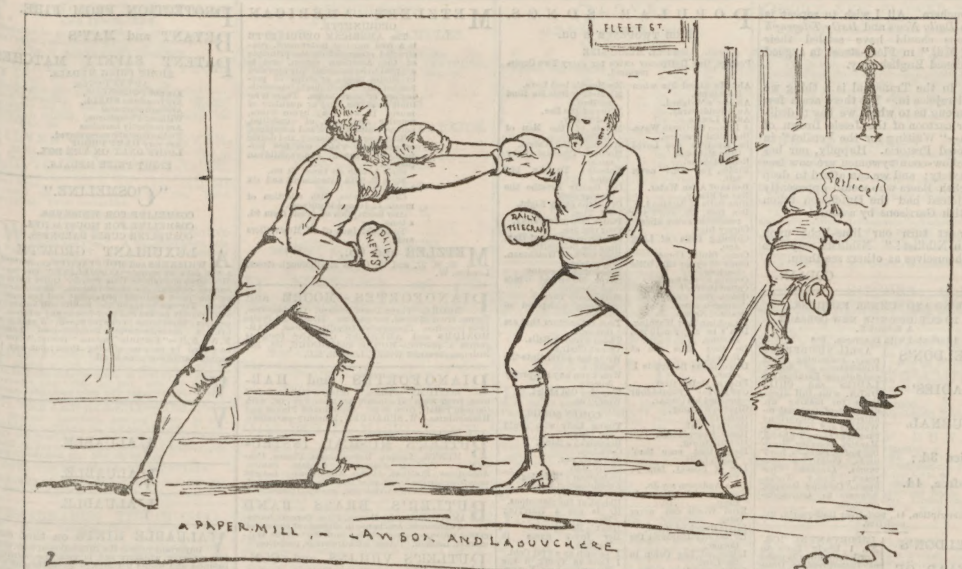
THE MANSION HOUSE MYSTERY.

Lord Mayor M'Arthur is to be congratulated on a fortunate discovery, which probably saved the Mansion House from being considerably damaged.

It appeared that on Wednesday se'nnight, about half-past eleven, a box containing 40 lb. of gunpowder was placed beneath the large east window of the Mansion House, presumably with the view of blowing up at least a portion of the official abode of the estimable citizen who represents Lambeth in Parliament and is Civic King of London for the year. The credit of the discovery of the smouldering box appears to be due not to the policeman Samuel Cowell, but to a Mrs. Carr, the housekeeper at No. 1, George-street, who on leaving her house noticed the parcel in the recess in the wall of the Mansion House. She waited for a few minutes until the constable came round on his beat, and then pointed it out to him. The parcel was then seen to be on fire, and the constable extinguished the smouldering paper with his coat-sleeve. The housekeeper, on hearing that the parcel contained powder and that an explosion had been providentially averted, stood outside her house for a long time in sheer nervousness, and she states that she saw a very tall woman, or at any rate some one in woman's clothes, emerge into George-street from the narrow passage leading from Walbrook, look at the recess, and then dart back again.

The Lord Mayor received congratulatory telegrams from the Colonies and America, besides many letters; and a large number of the citizens and others wrote their names in the visitors' book the day after the discovery. Mingled with these communications were anonymous post-cards threatening further mischief—some even going to the length of minutely describing the appliance, of the person destined to make the next attempt, of his prominent features, and of the particular coloured spectacles he would wear. These latter missives are obviously mere jokes, but the City police, notwithstanding, are taking every precaution against a repetition of the incident.

If the intention was to injure the Lord Mayor the perpetrator would have been disappointed, even if his diabolical scheme had been carried out. His Lordship was out dining with a friend; and very few of the servants were on the premises.



Ladies and Gentlemen,—

Shakspeare bids us "Remember March; the ides of March remember!" We need not the bidding in this present year of grace. What with the Imperial Murder in Russia—what with the Gunpowder Plot to blow up Lord Mayor M'Arthur—what with chilling frost and blinding snow—"the ides of March," 1881, would have had to me no redeeming brightness had it not been for the quiet laugh the revelations of Mr. *Punch's* unctuous waiter (bravo, John Hollingshead!) have called forth now and then. One more ray of light! My button-hole suggests it. It wafts me a pleasant recollection of the Baroness's seasonable kindness to the comely flower-girl who handed me the nosegay. "Were ye one of her Ladyship's bridesmaids?" I asked her, in my familiar way. "No," she said, with a smile; "but she give me this 'ere shawl!" Long life to the Baroness, say I, then; and may her Honeymoon never grow less sweet!

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But, after all, this is but a "Paper Mill." Not for me to say which side the Lawson; or throw mud

at Labouchere. All I wish to repeat is that the *Daily News* and *Daily Telegraph* Champions should have settled their "Paper Mill" in Fleet-street in a good old-fashioned English way.

Peace in the Transvaal is a thing we must all rejoice in. Yet there are a few Boers among us to whom we beg to dedicate our cartoon of the Dutch Brown of Pretoria—"Waiting for the Verdict" in beleaguered Pretoria. Happily, our besieged fellow-countrywomen are now free from anxiety; and we can afford to drop the English Boers who would apparently have rejoiced had the Dutchmen taken the British Garrisons by assault!

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Do they Miss me at Home?
Down by the Riverside I stray.
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Love was once a Little Boy.
Last Rose of Summer.
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Meet me by Moonlight Alone.
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